

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A control system comprising:

a first control apparatus comprising, at least, a display screen which can also be used as a touch panel, said first control apparatus operating a predetermined electronic apparatus;

a second server for communicating with said first control apparatus, said second server being connected or linked to a plurality of electronic apparatuses;

a third server for establishing a connection with said second server by a network;

wherein said first control apparatus changes settings of at least one of GUI data, internal processing data, and display data, which are contained in said first control apparatus, based on at least one of GUI data, internal processing data, and display data, which are stored or designated by said second server.

2. A control system according to Claim 1, wherein said first control apparatus comprises a remote control.

3. A control system according to Claim 1, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

5. A control system according to Claim 1, wherein the display screen of said first control apparatus comprises a liquid crystal display screen.

said second server transfers the received information to said first control apparatus using wired or wireless communications.

7. A control system according to Claim 1, wherein communication data communicated among said first control apparatus, said second server, and said third server comprise meta-data.

8. A control system according to Claim 1, wherein said second server includes control data for the electronic apparatuses; and

said first control apparatus receives the control data
for a specific electronic apparatus from said second server

and uses the data as the internal processing data.

9. A control system according to Claim 8, wherein said second server downloads the control data from said third server.

10. A control system according to Claim 1, wherein said first control apparatus further comprises display means for combining the control data for the electronic apparatuses and displaying the combined data.

11. A control system according to Claim 1, wherein said first control apparatus downloads data received from said second server to the electronic apparatuses which are connected or linked to said second server.

12. A control system according to Claim 11, wherein the data includes data downloaded from said third server.

13. A control system according to Claim 12, wherein the data includes an electronic program guide.

14. A control system according to Claim 1, wherein said second server and the electronic apparatuses are connected by link connection with a digital interface which

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conforms to the IEEE 1394 specification standard.

15. A control system comprising:

a first control apparatus comprising, at least, a display screen which can also be used as a touch panel, said first control apparatus operating a predetermined electronic apparatus; and

a second server for communicating with said first control apparatus, said second server being connected or linked to a plurality of electronic apparatuses;

wherein said first control apparatus changes settings of at least one of GUI data, internal processing data, and display data, which are contained in said first control apparatus, based on at least one of GUI data, internal processing data, and display data, which are stored or designated by said second server.

16. A control system according to Claim 15, wherein said first control apparatus comprises a remote control.

17. A control system according to Claim 15, wherein the electronic apparatuses comprise home appliances and audio-visual apparatuses.

18. A control system according to Claim 15, wherein

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said first control apparatus downloads data received from said second server to the electronic apparatuses which are connected or linked to said second server.

24. A control data according to Claim 23, wherein the data includes an electronic program guide.

25. A control system according to Claim 15, wherein said second server and the electronic apparatuses are connected by link connection with a digital interface which conforms to the IEEE 1394 specification standard.